GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

COMMISSIONS – Judicial Inquiry into the Stampede at Padmavathi Park in Tirupati on 08.01.2025, leading to the death of six people – Ordered – Appointment of Justice Sri M.Satyanarayana Murthy, Retired Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh as Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiries Act, 1952 (Central Act 60 of 1952) – Notifications – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.16. Dated.22.01.2025.

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ORDER:

The following Notification shall be published in an extraordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, Dated:22.01.2025.

NOTIFICATION-I

Whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Judicial Inquiry Commission for the purpose of making an Inquiry into a definite matter of public importance hereinafter specified.

2. Now, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Commission of Inquiries Act, 1952 (Central Act No.60 of 1952) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby appoints Justice M.Satyanarayana Murthy, Retired Judge of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh as a Commission of Inquiry to Inquire into the Stampede that occurred on 08.01.2025 at Padmavathi Park, Tirupati, leading to death of six devotees on the eve of Vaikuntha Ekadasi Festival.

3. The scope of the above judicial Inquiry Commission shall be to:

a. Inquire into the circumstances leading to the stampede occurred on 08.01.2025 at Padmavathi Park, Tirupati causing death of six devotees who were waiting to collect tokens for Vaikuntha Ekadasi Festival.
b. Identify whether proper arrangements were made for the distribution of tokens and whether there were any shortcomings in the arrangements, if so, to identify the persons responsible for such shortcomings.
c. Suggest measures to prevent such incidents in the future.
d. Make any other recommendations with respect to the institutional mechanisms to ensure the safety and security of the devotees visiting Tirumala and Tirupati for the Darshan of Lord Venkateswara.

4. The Commission shall complete its inquiry and submit its report to the State Government within a period of six (6) months from the date of assumption of charge.

5. The remuneration and emoluments of the Commission of Inquiry shall be fixed as per the norms in force.

6. According to Section (4) of the Commissions of Inquiries Act, 1952 powers of Commission shall be that: The Commission shall have the powers of a civil court, while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure,1908 (5 of 1908), in respect of the following matter, namely:-

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a) Summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person from any part of India and examining him on oath;
b) Requiring the discovery and production of any document;
c) Receiving evidence on affidavits;
d) Requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or office;
e) Issuing Commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents;
f) Any other matter which may be prescribed by the Commissioner of the Inquiry.

NOTIFICATION-II

Whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh is of the opinion, having regard to the nature of the Inquiry to be made by the Commission and other circumstances of the case that all the provisions of the Sub-Sections (2),(3)(4) and (5) of Section 5 of the Commission of Inquiries Act,1952, should be made applicable to the Commission appointed in the Notification-I above.

2. Now, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the said Act, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby directs that all the provisions of the sub-section (2),(3),(4) and(5) of Section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiries Act,1952 shall apply to the Commission.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.VIJAYANAND
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase, Mutyalampadu, Vijayawada (for Publication of notification in an extraordinary issue of A.P. Gazette, dated:22.01.2025 and to supply 100 copies of the same).
Justice M.Satyanarayana Murthy, Retired Judge, High Court of A.P.
The Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devastam, Tirumala.

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